REMARKS

SUMMARY:

The present application sets forth original claims 1-22, of which claims 1 and 12 are independent claims. Original Claims 1–11 have been allowed. Original claims 13-20 are objected to, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Original Claims 12, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0214419 (Reindl).

REJECTION OF ORIGINAL CLAIMS 12, and 21-22 (35 U.S.C. 102(e)):

Original claims 12 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0214419 (Reindl). While Applicants believe that differences between Reindl and the presently claimed subject matter have been established, Applicants, by way of this response, have canceled claims 12, 21, and 22 so as to advance the prosecution.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of Allowable Subject Matter with respect to claims 13-20 if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have herein presented claim 13 in independent form incorporating all the limitations of claim 12 which, with claims 21 and 22, has been canceled.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-11.

CONCLUSION:

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 1-11, and 13-20 is in complete condition for issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance, an action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of this response in order to permit early resolution of the same or if he has any questions regarding this matter.

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